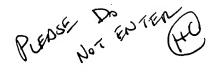
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

In Response to the Final Office Action dated February 8, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 8, 2007, Applicants present the following proposed amendments and remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 6.